GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Certain instructions to prevent fire incidents in temples – Regarding.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 144 **Dated: 13-04-2016,**
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The Government has noted that a competitive fire works display which flouted rules and regulations has turned the temple festival in Kollam, Kerala into a tragedy of grave proportions. It is necessary to draw lessons from this unfortunate incident so that such tragedies can be averted. Hence the Government directs the Executive Officers of all temples to take the following precautions with immediate effect.

i) Henceforth no fire works shall be used as a part of any temple festival. Even if it is contemplated as per tradition of any particular temple prior approval of the local District Administration must be taken.

ii)Executive Officers of all temples whose income is Rs.25.00 Lakhs shall approach the District Fire Officer and seek their advice on preparing fool proof plans for fire safety in the temples. Executive Officers shall submit a compliance report on the fire safety precautions taken in their respective temples.

iii)The fire safety precautions should include the following among many other things. Widening of Mada streets, proper electrification, installation of fire safety devices, having clear entry and exit routes and also emergency fire escape routes, not putting thatched structures on temporary basis during summer etc.

iv))In many temples, cables are found hanging loose everywhere without proper ducting. Executive Officers shall take steps to see that good quality electrical wiring is done and wires shall pass only through conduits. Adequate circuit breakers should be installed to avoid short circuits. Panel Boards and Distribution Boxes should be appropriate for the power load in the temple. The services of a electrical engineer or electrical expert shall be taken for this purpose.

v)Special care should also be taken near Potu / Pakasala where prasadams are prepared and also in the Annadana Satram Kitchen where there are greater fire hazard.

vi)Executive Officers as also Assistant Commissioners & Dy. Commissioners shall take special care to see that Rathostavams and Deepostavams and Teppotsavams are handled carefully to prevent untoward incidents.

vii)The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam shall also take undertake a thorough review of Tirumala as well as

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all other shrines under his control and upgrade facilities to prevent fire accidents.

2. The Commissioner of Endowments is directed to take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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